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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is made in reply to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006 setting a five-month shortened statutory period of response expiring May 4, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: